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October 27th, 2009

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#### Mr. Edward Hansen

New Mexico Energy, Minerals, & Natural Resources Oil Conservation Division, Environmental Bureau 1220 S. St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

RE: Monitor Well Plugging and Abandonment Report Rice Operating Company –EME SWD System

C-16(1) and C-16(2) Leaks - OCD Case Nos. 1R0476 and 1R0477

**UL-C, Sec 16 T20S, R37E** 

Sent via E-mail and U.S. Certified Mail Return Receipt No. 7007 0710 0003 0305 3781

#### Dear Mr. Hansen:

Please be advised that Harrison & Cooper, Inc. has plugged and abandoned the six (6) monitor wells for the above-referenced projects per the requirements specified in your e-mail letters of September 4<sup>th</sup> (attached). These wells were plugged using a 1% to 3% bentonite slurry and a 3 foot cap of concrete at the surface. Given below are photographs of the plugging event which occurred on September 24<sup>th</sup> of this year, and enclosed are Plugging Reports for each of the six monitor wells from Harrison & Cooper.

ROC is the service provider (agent) for the EME Salt Water Disposal System and has no ownership of any portion of pipeline, well, or facility. The EME SWD System is owned by a consortium of oil producers, System Parties, who provide all operating capital on a percentage ownership/usage basis.

Thank you for your work with these projects.

Sincerely,

L. Peter Galusky, Jr. Ph.D.

Principal

Attachments: NMOCD e-mail letters of 09.04.09

Photographs of monitor well plugging on 09.24.09

Enclosure: Monitor well plugging reports from Harrison and Cooper.

Cc: Rice Operating Company

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#### Remediation Plan (1R-476) Termination

3 messages

Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD ←dwardj.hansen@state.nm.us>

To: Hack Conder < hconder@riceswd.com>

Fri, Sep 4, 2009 at 5:46 PM

Cc: Marvin Burrows <mburrows@riceswd.com>. Scott Curtis <scurtis@riceswd.com>. "Johnson, Larry, EMNRD" <a href="mailto:largy.johnson@state.nm.us">lpg@texerra.com</a>

RE: Remediation Termination Request for the Rice Operating Company's

EME C-16(1) Leak Site

Unit Letter C. Section 16, T20S, R37E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico

Remediation Plan (1R-476) Termination

Dear Mr. Conder.

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Rice Operating Company's report and request to close the above-referenced site (dated July 10, 2009). The report is acceptable to the OCD. However, the material used to plug the groundwater monitoring wells and recovery well must be a cement grout with 1% to 3% bentonite. Please submit to the OCD a final plugging report within one year of receipt of this notice,

The above-referenced report, submitted in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC [Section 19 of (Part 29; formally, Rule [16]], indicates that Rice Operating Company has met the requirements of 19.15.29 NMAC; therefore, the OCD approves the report and hereby notifies you that the remediation plan (1R-476) is terminated in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

Please be advised that OCD approval of this report does not relieve the owner/operator of responsibility should operations pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve the owner/operator of responsibility for compliance with any OCD, federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 505-476-3489.

Edward J. Hansen

Hydrologist

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Leonard Galusky < lpgalusky@alumni.virginia.edu>

### Remediation Plan (1R-477) Termination Rice EME C-16(2) Leak Site]

3 messages

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Fri. Sep 4, 2009 at 5:48 PM

To: Hack Conder < hconder@riceswd.com>

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RE: Remediation Termination Request for the Rice Operating Company's

EME C-16(2) Leak Site

Unit Letter C, Section 16, T20S, R37E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico

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The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has received Rice Operating Company's report and request to close the above-referenced site (dated July 10, 2009). The report is acceptable to the OCD. However, the material used to plug the groundwater monitoring wells and recovery well must be a cement grout with 1% to 3% bentonite. Please submit to the OCD a final plugging report within one year of receipt of this notice.

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9/14/2009









EME C-16(1) and C-16(2) Monitor Well Plugging & Abandonment Report

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### **Plugging Report**

Client	Rice Operating	
Contractor	Harrison & Cooper	
Date Completed	9/24/2009	
Site	EME C-16-1	
Well ID	MW-1	-
Casing Diameter	4"	
Well Depth	28'	
Casing Material	PVC	
Plugging Material	Portland/Bentonite Slurry	
Slurry Interval	3'-28'	
Cement Interval	0'-3'	

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Email (Lara Weinheimer)

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### Plugging Report

Client	Rice Operating
Contractor	Harrison & Cooper
Date Completed	9/24/2009
Site	EME C-16-1
Well ID	MW-2
Casing Diameter	2"
Well Depth	30'
Casing Material	PVC
Plugging Material	Portland/Bentonite Slurry
Slurry Interval	3'-30'
Cement Interval	0'-3'

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9/24/2009
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Client	Rice Operating	
Contractor	Harrison & Cooper	
Date Completed	9/24/2009	
Site	EME C-16-2	
Well ID	MW-1	
Casing Diameter	4"	
Well Depth	28'	
Casing Material	PVC '	
Plugging Material	Portland/Bentonite Slurry	
Slurry Interval	3'-28'	
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Date Completed	9/24/2009	
Site	EME C-16-2	
Well ID	MW-2	
Casing Diameter	2"	
Well Depth	28'	
Casing Material	PVC	
Plugging Material	Portland/Bentonite Slurry	
Slurry Interval	3'-28'	
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Date Completed	9/24/2009
Site	EME C-16-2
Well ID	MW-3
Casing Diameter	2"
Well Depth	29'
Casing Material	PVC
Plugging Material	Portland/Bentonite Slurry
Slurry Interval	3'-29'
Cement Interval	0'-3'

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